

FOURTH ASHTAKA—EIGHTH ADHYĀYA. 503

4. I invoke those two, the whole of whose deeds  
of  
old have been celebrated: INDEA and AGNI harm  
us  
not.<sup>1</sup>
5. We invoke the fierce INDRA and AGNI, the  
slayers  
of enemies: may they give us success in similar  
war-  
fare.<sup>2</sup>
6. Counteract all oppressions (committed) by  
the .X<sup>arc</sup><sup>a</sup>  
pious: counteract all oppressions (committed) by  
the  
impious:<sup>3</sup> protectors of the virtuous, destroy all  
those  
who hate us.
7. INDRA and AGNI, these hymns glorify you  
both:  
drink, bestowers of happiness, the libation.
8. INDRA and AGNI, leaders (of rites), whose  
*Niyut*  
steeds are desired by many, come with them to  
the  
donor (of the libation).
9. Come with them, leaders (of rites), to the  
effused  
libation, to drink, INDRA and AGNI, of the *Soma*\*
10. Glorify that AGNI who envelopes all the  
forests  
with flame, who blackens them with (his) tongue.
11. The mortal who presents the gratifying  
(obla-  
tion) to INDRA in the kindled (fire), to him (!  
INDRA  
grants) acceptable waters for his sustenance.
12. May those two grant us strengtheniag  
food,  
and swift horses to convey (our offerings).<sup>5</sup>

i *Sdma-Veda*, n. 203.

\* *Sdma-Veda*, 11. 204., J<sup>vr-r</sup>, 33. Cl.

<sup>3</sup> *Hato vritrany-aryd Itato dd&dni, rritruni and diiwni*,

being neuter, can scarcely signify *drya*\* and  
*d<ifa*\* | hem selves;  
therefore the scholiast interprets thorn *tiryaik*  
ami *tlitixaih* *hri~*  
*idni*, things done by them isevorally, that is,  
*ui>tiilrv:ajatdnij*

things generated by violate or oppression and  
tho like: ul\*o

*Sdma-Veda*, 11. 205.

\*This and the two preceding occur *Sama-Veda*, u. 341—  
343.

s *Sdma-Vetla*, 11. 40!—301.